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TO AMEMBASSY TEHRAN

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JOINT STATE/DEFENSE MESSAGE

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, MARR, IR

SUBJECT: INDIAN OCEAN RECONNAISSANCE FLIGHTS

1. ALTHOUGH NAVAL TASK GROUP IS NO LONGER OPERATING IN INDIAN OCEAN, CINCPAC HAS PROPOSED TO CONTINUE P-3 FLIGHTS AT REDUCED LEVEL DURING INTERIM BEFORE NEXT TASK GROUP DEPLOYMENT, AT WHICH TIME FREQUENCY OF FLIGHTS WOULD INCREASE. DURING INTERIM PERIOD APPROXIMATELY 8 FLIGHTS MONTHLY. CINCPAC PROPOSES TO MAINTAIN LOW KEY INTERIM PRESENCE TO SERVICE THESE FLIGHTS AND KEEP CUSTODY OF USN AVIONICS AND COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT NOW IN BANDAR ABBAS.

2. FOR CINCPAC: REQUEST YOU REPEAT TO AMEMBASSY TEHRAN YOUR DTG 040146Z MAY 74, WHICH PROVIDES DETAILS OF PROPOSAL AND PURPOSE CONTINUED FLIGHTS.

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3. FOR TEHRAN: WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR COMMENTS AND ASSESSMENT OF GOI ATTITUDE TOWARD CONTINUED P-3 OPERATIONS AND, ASSUMING FLIGHTS CONTINUE, OF NEED TO UPDATE PUBLIC AFFAIRS CONTINGENCY GUIDANCE. SUGGEST FOLLOWING NEW GUIDANCE FOR USE IF PRESSED SPECIFICALLY FOR INFORMATION ON P-3 OPERATIONS FROM IRAN:

QUOTE P-3 FLIGHTS HAVE USED THE FACILITIES AT BANDAR ABBAS. SUCH FLIGHTS SERVE AN OPERATIONAL PURPOSE, BUT AS YOU ARE UNDOUBTEDLY AWARE THE GOVERNMENT OF IRAN IS

BUYING A NUMBER OF P-3 AIRCRAFT AND HAS WELCOMED SUCH FLIGHTS PRIMARILY FOR TRAINING PURPOSES. THE IRANIAN AIR FORCE IS ABLE TO OBSERVE U.S. AIRCRAFT WHICH THEY WILL SOON BE OPERATING AND IRANIAN PERSONNEL HAVE BEEN INVITED TO FLY WITH THE U.S. CREWS FOR FAMILIARIZATION UNQUOTE. RUSH

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